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Allosteric Effectors, and Uses Thereof*

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Response to Restriction Requirement

Dear Examiner Lankford:

In response to the Restriction Requirement in the above-identified application, mailed September 29, 2003, the Applicants respectfully elect **Group II**, claims 10-29. However, the Applicants respectfully assert that simultaneous examination of Groups II and I (claims 1-9) would not place an undue burden on the Examiner because the Inventions are related as compositions containing an aliphatic ammonium cation and an anionic ligand for a mammalian cellular receptor. See MPEP § 803 ("If the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the [E]xaminer must examine it on the merits, even though it includes claims to independent or distinct inventions."). Therefore, the Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner modify the instant Restriction Requirement, examining Groups I and II, i.e., claims 1-29, in the instant application.

Election of Species for Search Purposes

The Applicants respectfully elect the Species wherein the aliphatic ammonium cation is cyclohexylamine and the anionic ligand for a mammalian cellular receptor is inositol hexaphosphate (See Example 1 on page 49 of the application). Claims 1-29 read on the elected Species.

Of course, the elections of Species made herein are made solely for search purposes. The Applicants expressly reserve the right to prosecute species not elected herein in other patent applications claiming the benefit of the filing date of this application. Furthermore, the Applicants understand that upon allowance of a generic claim, they will be entitled to consideration of claims to additional species which are written in dependent form or otherwise include all the limitations of an allowed generic claim. See 37 CFR 1.141.

Fees

The Applicants believe no fee is due in connection with the filing of this paper. Nevertheless, the Director is hereby authorized to charge any required fee to our Deposit Account, 06-1448.

Conclusion

The Applicants believe that they have responded fully to the Office communication dated September 29, 2003. However, if a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to contact the undersigned.

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